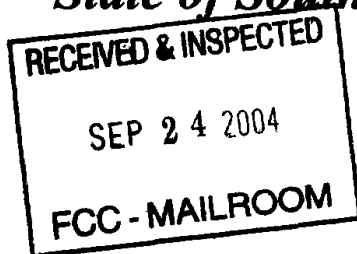


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RE: Certification of High Cost Support for Rural Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R.  
Sections 54.314, CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Flannery:

The Public Service Commission of South Carolina hereby certifies that all federal high cost support provided to rural carriers in this state will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with section 254(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. This includes High Cost Loop Support (HCL), Local Switching Support (LSS), and high cost support received pursuant to the purchase of exchanges.

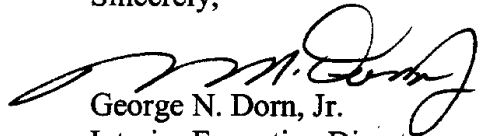
Attached is a list of rural carriers certified by the Public Service Commission of South Carolina pursuant to Section 54.314 of the FCC's Rules. Also, each company in the listing submitted sworn affidavits stating that all federal high cost support received during 2005 will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

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Please date stamp the extra copy of this filing and return it to me in the enclosed stamped self addressed envelope. If additional information is required, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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## ATTACHMENT

<u>NAME OF COMPANY</u>	<u>STUDY AREA NUMBER</u>
Bluffton Telephone Company, Inc.	240512
Chesnee Telephone Company	240515
Chester Telephone Company	240516
Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240520
Fort Mill Telephone Company	240521
Hargray Telephone Company, Inc.	240523
Home Telephone Company, Inc.	240527
Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240528
Lancaster Telephone Company	240531
Lockhart Telephone Company	240532
McClellanville Telephone Company	240533
Norway Telephone Company	240535
Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240536
Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240538
PBT Telecom, Inc.	240539
Ridgeway Telephone Company	240541
Rock Hill Telephone Company	240542
Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240546
St. Stephen Telephone Company	240544
West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240550
Williston Telephone Company	240551
Alltel South Carolina, Inc.	240517
United Telephone Company of the Carolinas	240506
Verizon South Carolina	240526